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PAVING BRINGS NEW PROBLEMS

How Automobiles Shall Be Parked When It's All Over—Ornamental Spaces Eliminated

Among other things, the city council discussed was the parking of automobiles at the Wednesday evening session. The problem was brought up by Mayor Rodgers, who reminded the members that the paving was going rapidly, and before long it would be necessary to revise the present ordinance, which has some peculiar provisions. According to the regulations now in force, the automobile owner must park his car parallel with the curb, with both wheels touching.

This ordinance was passed back in the days when weren't so very many automobiles, and it was necessary to get them out of the street, as far away from skanky horses as possible. If this rule were followed now, there wouldn't be enough room to accommodate the cars, and, worse still, if a man ever got his car parked correctly, he'd have an ungodly time getting it back into the middle of the street if any other cars were parked in the same block.

The councilman suggested that the center of the street was the proper place for automobiles at rest, and this drew from Councilman Harris an anguished protest that "center parking is the mark of a tank town." The members finally decided that when the time came to make a new regulation, they would permit parking on both sides of the street, giving the privilege to certain stores to prohibit parking in the busy area. It may be that parking on certain busy streets will be forbidden.

No Ornamental Centers

Petitions having been received from the property owners along the four blocks of Box Butte where ornamental parking centers had been planned, asking that they be eliminated and that regular paving be used, the council granted the request. There will be no beauty spots in the middle of Box Butte paving. The residents were strong for the idea until Mayor Rodgers pointed out that they would have to pay for any landscape gardening that might be necessary, after which all the beauty lovers lost interest. Nice strong prick pavement will go down all the way.

However, it's quite a task to get these ornamental centers paved. The law reads that property in any paving district must be continuous. These parking spaces were in every block, but there was an intersection between. Hence the council, in order to eliminate them, had to create four new paving districts. These must be advertised separately, separate contracts let and the cost of each assessed separately. All told, it will cost the residents of abutting property quite a bit more than it would if they had never flirted with the ornamental center idea. Extra brick will have to be ordered, and it is probable that this will cost more than the brick for the rest of the paving. However, the upkeep will be materially decreased.

Drinking Fountains Coming

Councilman Harris inquired concerning the sanitary drinking fountains that were to be erected along Box Butte avenue. He was informed that pipes had been laid for them, but that they had not arrived. They were ordered back in the days when Cassius Caesar Smith was city manager.

Mayor Rodgers reappointed Reuben Knight city engineer and the council confirmed this choice.

No bids were received for construction of the sanitary sewer districts Nos. 11 and 12. The council thought it possible that these had been forwarded to Engineer Grant, and if so, and he failed to forward them, that it will be necessary to readvertise.

The council will meet again August 7, at which time the tax levy will be acted upon. The board adopted an estimated expense budget for the year.

The council assessed the costs of sanitary sewer in districts Nos. 27 and 28. According to Engineer Grant's estimate, these district contain a frontage of 5,016 feet and the total cost amounts to \$8,672. This means that the rate per front foot will be \$1,731.13 per front foot, and the assessment against the property owners in the district was made on that basis.

With the consent of newspaper reporters, the mayor's "steam roller" was used during the evening's session.

THE WEATHER

For the day and vicinity: Generally fair to... Saturday: not much change in temperature.

AN END TO PAINTING ON CITY SIDEWALKS

The city council, at its adjourned meeting Tuesday evening by a unanimous vote passed an ordinance which will result in making Alliance a better looking city. It prohibited the painting, pasting or printing of signs on the sidewalks, pavements, retaining walls, electric light poles and a few other places, and provides as a penalty for violation a fine of from \$5 to \$100, with imprisonment until such fine and costs are paid. High school students, shows, revivals, shoe shining parlors, soft drink emporiums and others have been among those who have been doing this decorating, not alone in the business district, but out on the residence streets. The past week a traveling show has done some painting in two colors. The new ordinance will put a stop to further artistic endeavors.

The "Better Farming" exhibit car which is touring the state under the auspices of the Burlington railroad, will arrive in Alliance at 4 a. m. August 19, and will leave at 1:45 p. m. the same day. This is a change of date and hours from those previously announced.

MUCH TOO KIND TO SISTER-IN-LAW

Divorce Petition of Mrs. A. H. Huntley Declares Such Actions Made Her Miserable

Mrs. Charlotte L. Huntley Wednesday filed a petition with the clerk of the district court, praying that she be granted a divorce from Albert H. Huntley. The petition recites that the couple were "intermarried" at Rapid City, S. D., on April 30, 1918. They established their home on May 1, 1918, at Lincoln, Neb., and after living there some months removed to Hastings.

During the time they were at Hastings, the sister of the plaintiff, Eva Wagner, came to live with them. All was peaceful and serene, at this time, the domestic life of the plaintiff and defendant being "happy and harmonious" until they removed to Ericson, in Wheeler county. Mrs. Huntley's sister accompanied them to Ericson. Shortly after taking up their home in Ericson, the petition says, the defendant started to pay attentions to the plaintiff's sister, taking her to dances, skating parties and other entertainments, and although the plaintiff remonstrated against these attentions to her sister, the defendant disregarded her objections completely and the conditions in their home became unbearable. As a result of these actions and from then on, the plaintiff did not act as a dutiful husband should toward his wife and made her life miserable.

Further, the petition says, defendant continually harassed the plaintiff by his accusations against her, that she was having the company of men friends, this being done to disparage her and make his actions appear less culpable. More especially did he make such accusations as to the plaintiff's conduct on or about December 21, 1919 and the continual nagging and harassing acts resulting from this disruption in their household made her life intolerable.

On January 25, 1919, the defendant deserted her and left her without funds. The plaintiff declares that she had barely sufficient means to enable her to return to the home of her sister at Mitchell.

The petition recites that the couple have no children and that neither plaintiff or defendant is possessed of any real or personal property. The plaintiff asks that the bonds of matrimony be dissolved and that the court allow her \$50 per month alimony until the sum of \$600 shall have been paid, and that the husband be assessed the costs of the suit and required to pay her attorney's fees.

Gustav Kline, at one time a resident of Box Butte county, died at his ranch home near Johnstown, Neb., on Monday, July 19. Funeral services were held at Johnstown Thursday. Mr. Kline homesteaded here in 1886 and three years later removed to Brown county, where he has since made his home.

Margaret Brennan is spending the week at the J. Herman ranch, 35 miles southeast of Alliance, the guest of Miss Mary Herman.

COUNCIL DRAWS EXPENSE BUDGET

Increase in Bonded Indebtedness Makes It Necessary to Tilt the Ante

It is going to take more money to run the city this year than it did during the fiscal year which will expire in August, 1920. Not only are regular expenses higher, due to increases in wages and increased cost of supplies, but there has been a considerable increase in the city's bonded debt. The estimate totals \$54,930, about five thousand dollars more than last year's total and to raise it it will be necessary to make the municipal levy about 64.5 mills on a valuation of \$850,000.

Last year the council made a levy of slightly over 51 mills on an estimated valuation of a million dollars. Unfortunately, the valuation was about a quarter of a million dollars too high, and the council may find itself pinched for funds before the present year runs out.

Following is the estimate of the probable money necessary to be raised during the fiscal year ending the second Monday in August, 1921, including interest and principal due upon the bonded debt and sinking funds:

GENERAL FUND	
Street and Alley Lighting	
Maintenance of Streets and Alleys	\$5,000.00
Others' Salaries	3,000.00
Stationery and Printing	1,200.00
Cemetery Maintenance	
Garbage Disposal	1,000.00
Miscellaneous General Expense	5,000.00
	\$15,200.00
Sewer Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Public Library Maintenance	3,000.00
City Park Maintenance	2,000.00
Fire Department Maintenance	6,000.00
Police Department Maintenance	5,000.00
	\$35,200.00

WATER BONDS

Interest \$2,475.00

Principal 525.00

1906 WATER EXTENSION BONDS

Interest \$900.00

Principal 600.00

1906 WATER EXTENSION BONDS

Interest \$50.00

Principal 950.00

ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS

Interest \$495.00

Principal 5.00

SEWER BONDS

Interest \$2,530.00

Principal

SEWER EXTENSION BONDS

Interest \$350.00

Principal 150.00

REFUNDING BONDS

Interest \$550.00

Principal 50.00

FUNDING BONDS

Interest \$2,350.00

Principal 150.00

DRAINAGE BONDS

Interest \$2,750.00

Principal 250.00

1919 PAVING INTERSECTION BONDS

Interest \$1,000.00

Principal 1,000.00

1919 WATER EXTENSION BONDS

Interest \$500.00

Principal

1920 DRAINAGE EXTENSION BONDS

Interest \$600.00

Principal

1920 PAVING INTERSECTION BONDS

Interest \$1,500.00

Principal

\$19,730.00

\$54,930.00

Dated at Alliance, Nebraska, July 28th, 1920.

A. D. RODGERS, Mayor

Attest:

GRACE H. KENNEDY,

City Clerk.

(SEAL)

Jul 30, Au. 3, Au 6.

Charles H. Britton, a resident of Box Butte county in other years, is back in Alliance renewing old acquaintances and having a most enjoyable visit with friends. He has no relatives out here, but does have an uncommon large list of friends, all of whom are delighted to see him. His home is at Myrtle Point, Ore., and he made his last visit to Nebraska last October.

H. J. Kuhn and family have just returned from an extended auto trip in the eastern part of the state, having visited at Lincoln, Davis City, Bridgeport, Scottsbluff and Sidney.

SEEKS A DIVORCE AFTER 35 YEARS

Emma Virginia Phillips Seeks Absolute Decree and Accounting of Husband's Estate

Emma Virginia Phillips has filed a petition in district court asking a decree of absolute divorce from her husband, Luke Phillips, pioneer Box Butte county rancher living near Hemingford. The petition states that he has been guilty of extreme cruelty, especially during the past two months, when he has been in a "pouty mood," refusing to talk to her, turning his back on her and otherwise behaving in an uncongenial manner.

The couple were married at Omaha, Neb., August 4, 1883, and have made their home in Box Butte county for the past thirty-five years. During this time, Mrs. Phillips' petition states she has been a loving, chaste and obedient wife. When they established their home here, the couple were poor. In 1885 she did washing for men employed at a nearby saw-mill, and the defendant, according to the petition, collected the money for this work and kept it, failing to pay to her any part of the same.

Again, when the railroad now known as the C. B. & Q. came to the county, she did the washing of workmen in the construction gang, and the defendant, the petition alleges, was paid 50 per cent of the money she earned for collecting, receiving and delivering the washing.

The plaintiff, according to her petition, inherited estates from her mother and other relatives, and these the defendant has used without paying her interest on the same. The petition charges that he appropriated a tree claim belonging to the plaintiff. She had purchased lands which were used by her husband for twenty-five years for livestock, and the defendant has paid her nothing for their use. When she would ask him for spending money he would become angry, abuse her, call her vile and mean names, causing her great pain and suffering.

Shortly after the marriage, the petition says, the defendant was guilty of acts of extreme cruelty. The plaintiff declares that he is a man of contrary disposition; that he would quarrel with her, and refuse to speak to her during his angry moods. He would refuse to come to the house, and would sleep in the granary.

Although the owner of a large herd of horses, the defendant is said to have refused and failed to provide the plaintiff with any means of conveyance, and if she wished to visit, it was necessary for her to ask aid of her neighbors or go afoot. She may purchase groceries and clothing at Hemingford stores, but he refused her money or credit at other stores.

The petition charges that the defendant has conspired with their son, Ora E. Phillips, to cheat the plaintiff out of her interest in his property; that he buys, trades and disposes of property in the name of Ora E. Phillips, that he may defraud and cheat plaintiff out of her share in the property, and that he does not want her to know how much he owns. The plaintiff declares that she has been industrious, that she has worked faithfully and diligently, that she is conservative in dress and has not been extravagant.

She declares that the defendant is now the owner of 1,600 acres of land 5 1/2 miles west of Hemingford, which is worth \$150,000 and that he owns other property to the value of \$25,000.

During December, 1918, the plumbing system at the home became out of order, and she was compelled to carry water from the well to the house by hand. The defendant refused and failed to have it repaired until July 22, 1920. The plaintiff declares that, due to her age, it worked a great hardship upon her to carry water during the cold days of winter and the warm days of summer.

For two years prior to the filing of the petition, the plaintiff has been in a pouty mood, refusing to talk to her, turning his back on her presence, and not acting in a congenial manner.

The couple have four children, one of whom, Ray, is a minor. The plaintiff asks a decree of absolute divorce that she be given absolute custody of the minor son, and that the defendant be required to pay into court a reasonable sum to cover attorney's fees and support plaintiff during the pendency of the action. She asks that defendant be required to pay for the support and education of the minor child. Also, she asks the court to make an accounting and

allow her a one-half interest in the entire property, and that defendant be prevented from disposing of the property to Ora E. Phillips or otherwise removing it from the jurisdiction of the court.

SPECIAL SAFETY FIRST DRIVE DURING AUGUST

At the Alliance division "safety first" meeting Thursday, it was decided to make August a month without a single personal injury to any employe. The division will be divided up as between the Alliance and Seneca crews. Committees will be appointed from each subdivision and the race will be between the two subdivisions. Bulletins will be posted at the trainmaster's office daily showing how each division, as well as the different departs, are coming. The race will start at 12:01 Monday morning. The Wymore division tried this stunt during the month of June and failed and the Alliance division is going to show them that it is possible.

CUT THE WEEDS—LAST CALL

Notice is hereby given that weeds growing on residence and vacant lots must be cut by August 15. The time has been extended in order to give ample notice to those concerned. Prosecution will follow if this is not attended to promptly. If you find yourself in police court, you'll have no one to blame but yourself.

O. W. REED,

Chief of Police.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS PLAN AN OUTING

Forty-five Girls Will Make Camping Trip to Belmont Week of August 9

Forty-five Alliance girls are thoroughly excited right now, and getting more excited every day, over the prospect of a week's camping trip at Belmont, where the Boy Scouts camped some time ago. The Campfire girls have been working and saving with this end in view, and despite hard luck with some of their money-making ventures, have managed to accumulate a next-egg that will make the camping trip possible. Not all of the girls will be able to go, as some of them are out of town on other vacations, but those who are able to make the trip expect to have a royal time, in spite of mosquitoes, heat or other obstacles.

Some time ago the American Red Cross decided that the main feature of its peace time program should be activities toward community betterment, and sent all chapters instructions to this effect. The local chapter decided that one of its main activities for helping the community would be to organize bands of Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts, since it is to the younger generation that America is now looking for true Americanism. There are no organizations more thoroughly American than these two, "The Boy Scouts of America" and the "Campfire Girls."

Following upon this decision, the local secretary was asked to organize bands of Campfire Girls especially, as we already had a very good organization of Boy Scouts.

There are now five bands of Campfire Girls organized under the auspices of the local chapter.

CHILDREN MUST NOT DRIVE AUTOMOBILES

Complaint has been made to County Attorney Basye that children have been permitted to drive automobiles, and he has announced that violators of the law in this respect will be prosecuted. Under the state law, children under sixteen years of age are not permitted to take the wheel.

One man reported that he narrowly missed being run over by a car driven by a girl of thirteen a day or so ago. Other citizens have complained that their lives and limbs have been endangered by youthful chauffeurs. The county attorney proposes to see that the law is enforced.

Mr. Basye also announces that he will use his best endeavors to send to the reform school the next boy or group of boys who steal cakes, ice cream or other refreshments from private houses. During the past few weeks there have been a number of complaints of thefts of this nature, which are particularly annoying when parties are going on, but pestiferous at any time. Boys will be boys, but there is a limit to mischief that will be allowed, and the next complaint that is entered will make the culprit a lot of trouble.

CENSUS RECOUNT SHOWS 5,171

Chamber of Commerce to Make Effort to Have Figures Officially Recognized

As announced exclusively in the last issue of The Herald, the census recount undertaken by the Alliance chamber of commerce shows this city to have a population well over the five thousand mark. The total given by the recount is 5,171. Due to an error in tabulation, the announcement was at first made that the total was 4,872, but within a few minutes Secretary J. W. Guthrie had discovered a pile of returns that had not been included. This brought the total up to 5,100. Thursday one of the enumerators discovered that he had overlooked a rooming house in his block, and sixty more were added. The total of 5,171 includes the entire city, and the figures have been carefully checked.

The best news of all is contained in a telegram from Acting Director of the Census Stewart that it is possible that the recount will be officially recognized. Officials of the chamber of commerce were rather downhearted yesterday when they came across a clipping from a Dawson, Ga., newspaper, which made it appear that the task of getting the recount recognized would be well-nigh impossible.

According to the Dawson newspaper, they were complaining about their census figures and were advised that it would be necessary for them to furnish separate affidavits from heads of families that they had been missed by the enumerators. Inasmuch as Alliance did not have the original census data, it would be impossible to find out just which persons had been missed, and even had that been known, the task of securing seven hundred affidavits would have been an enormous one. In addition to this, a number of those who were living here January 1 have left the city.

Following is the telegram sent by Secretary J. W. Guthrie and the answer received:

Hon. S. L. Rogers,
Director of Census,
Washington, D. C.

We have taken census of Alliance by competent business and professional men who make affidavit to correctness showing fifty-one hundred seventy-one persons actually in the city limits January first last, and your report gives us credit forty-five hundred ninety-one. What action necessary to have recount officially recognized.

Alliance Chamber of Commerce.

Washington, D. C., July 30, 1920.
Chamber of Commerce,
Alliance, Neb.

Telegram received. Mail immediately year list showing names and addresses. If addresses are given of persons residing Alliance January first list will be compared with enumerators returns and appropriate action taken. Letter follows.

STEWART,
(Acting Director of Census.)

PRODUCE HOUSE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CITY

Charles C. Fankell of Stella, Neb., was in the city Thursday, completing arrangements for the establishment of a wholesale produce house in Alliance. He found a location in the F. W. Melick building, Second and Laramie streets, and expects to be open for business about August 10.

Mr. Fankell has had years of experience in the wholesale produce game, and expects to develop a big business in this territory. For the present, he will handle only poultry and eggs, but will later extend the scope of the enterprise. He believes in the future of this part of the country and expects to show the farmers how a high market price can increase the income from their farms.

Mr. Fankell's wife and three children will come to Alliance with him as soon as he is able to make housing arrangements.

The chamber of commerce has for months been trying to secure a wholesale produce establishment for the city. Mr. Fankell has been corresponding with the club's officials for some weeks, and after looking the field over, is enthusiastic over its possibilities. He will retain his business interests at Stella.

Rev. and Mrs. Merle C. Smith are leaving for a ten days trip in the Black Hills. They expect to visit Hot Springs, also Sylvan Lake and other points in that locality.